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BOONE COUNTY RANKS SECOND IN STATE IN RECENT HEALTH STUDY

Boone County, KY September 18, 2007 – Boone County recently was ranked as the second healthiest county in the state of Kentucky according to a recent assessment by the Kentucky Institute of Medicine.

"We are pleased to see Boone County emerge as the second healthiest county in the state..." says Nancy Kremer, senior vice president, The St. Luke Hospitals. "As a community partner, the role of the hospital is to educate and inform the community it serves about any preventative health measures that may lead to a safer and more healthy population."

Dr. Michael E. Samuels, who is a distinguished scholar in Rural Health Policy and also was apart of the task force gathering and evaluating the data in this study, said that, "This assessment is one of a kind; no other state has conducted research to this extent as it relates to health issues on a county by county basis." This assessment done by the Kentucky Institute of Medicine is one that will hopefully be issued every three to five years. Dr. Samuels went on to say that, "An assessment such as this one is important because it enables citizens as well as state and local governments to better examine health issues."

To learn more about the Kentucky Institute of Medicine's county by county assessment please visit: <http://www.kyiom.org/assessment.html> .

If you would like to read the Kentucky Enquirer's article related to the assessment please visit:
<http://news.nky.com/apps/pbcs.dll/article?AID=/AB/20070918/NEWS0103/709180364>

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